

37 YEARS OF ENTERTAINMENT

The Festival of Friends is very grateful for the help and cooperation we receive from the City of Hamilton every year. Mounting the Festival of Friends becomes more expensive every year and we recognize that it would not be possible without the City's generous financial assistance. *This year, we are asking for the same amount of financial support as last year, as has always been the case since the Festival of Friends was accepted into Boards and Agencies years ago. We would also ask that the City sever the responsibility for both the negotiations and the subsequent costs of the Hamilton Police Service contract from us; we would ask that this be assigned to the appropriate department within the City of Hamilton.* Thank you in advance for your consideration.

2012 FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS IN REVIEW

- ◆ The Festival of Friends was granted financial assistance through Celebrate Ontario 2011 at the highest possible funding level within our respective Tier.
- ◆ As per concerns raised last year, we have forwarded an Audited Financial Statement of the 2012 event.
- ◆ With the exception of the Police Services, all invoices for the 2012 event have been paid in full. We have paid \$7,500 to Hamilton Police Service, and are still discussing the validity of the balance.
- ◆ We have eliminated all staff, and all possible expenditures (including closing down our office).
- ◆ It rained the entire weekend of the 2012 event, (an unfortunate 8 times). This is the prevailing reason that we need to maintain our ability to budget for an event that will at least break-even should the weather not co-operate with us.

History of Police Services At The Festival of Friends

